



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Good Day Hi Ed Community! This week, I was in the National Emergency Management [Executive Academy](#) Course, [Integrating Science into Emergency Management Policies and Decisions](#) held at EMI, and I have been thinking more deeply about the relationship between scientists, emergency management practitioners and academics. I am contemplating the opportunities for us to work more closely and cultivate greater understanding to integrate science and technology into emergency management higher education curricula, design and delivery.

Since our last [newsletter](#), a colleague reached out to me to discuss [initiatives](#) of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to focus on integrating a science and technology capabilities into the emergency management. As an educator she immediately saw the connection between this need and how we might address this through emergency management curricula. She is interested in learning more about practices that include core science and technology courses into emergency management academic programs, “particularly with respect to issues like climate change impact, infectious disease, and the rapid advancement of science and technology.” If you are interested in exploring this topic, have resources and/or practices that you would like to share, please drop me an [email](#) and we will work to coordinate a dialogue.

The [18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- **The deadline is May 13 for symposium applications. Applications will not be accepted after this date.**
- The draft agenda is available on the symposium [web page](#)
- Please provide your selections for Monday, June 6, [workshops](#) to [Barbara](#) as soon as possible.

Correction to the Symposium Acceptance Email - Subject: EMI Upcoming Course Notification: E0392

• *If you are eligible for stipend reimbursement, in order to receive full reimbursement for your airfare, you must purchase a 21-day advance, nonrefundable, economy coach-class ticket AND travel on the correct days. **A stipend will not be paid to participants of the symposium.*** The email you received was designed for participants in a *training* course. You will be participating in a [symposium](#) thus a stipend will not be paid.



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New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the conference calls are May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call in information for May 19 is 800-320-4330, PIN: 556686

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

National Emergency Management [Executive Academy](#) application period for 2017 is now open and closes August 5, 2016. The Executive Academy program was developed in collaboration with prominent higher education institutions. It hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency management academic executive level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. For more information and to apply, please visit the Executive Academy [website](#) or contact Wendy Walsh at (301) 447-1633 or Wendy.Walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

Employment & Internship Opportunities

Vacancy announcement - [Financial Management Specialist](#), GS-0501-09/09, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, Center for Domestic Preparedness. Open: 5/2/2016 / **Close: 5/12/2016.**

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is seeking to hire an [Assistant Director for the Citizen-Leader Track to begin in August](#). The vacancy was posted 4/29/2016.

Resources and Announcements

The [Disaster Information Management Research Center *Disaster Lit*SM: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) database has recently been updated and is now available.

[Critical Infrastructure Protection: Federal Agencies Have Taken Actions to Address Electromagnetic Risks, but Opportunities Exist to Further Assess Risks and Strengthen Collaboration.](#) GAO-16-243



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The [Federal Communications Commission](#) is seeking comments on the potential sharing of the 1675-1680 MHz spectrum band used by the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA) for weather satellite direct broadcast of real-time information crucial to weather and flood warnings. Individuals and organizations that currently utilize direct readout data from NOAA satellites, and all who rely on [National Weather Service](#) weather and flood warnings, may [submit comments by June 21, 2016](#).

FEMA posted draft replacement language for the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide on Public Assistance Program Minimum Standards to the [Federal Register](#) for public comment. Comments due **May 23, 2016**.

Primer for Understanding the Principles and Practices of Disaster Surveillance in the United States
http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/disaster/Disaster_Surveillance_508.pdf

[Government Reform: Ending Duplication and Holding Washington Accountable](#)

In April 2016, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Social Media Working Group and DHS First Responders Group released a report, “[From Concept to Reality: Operationalizing Social Media for Preparedness, Response and Recovery](#).”

The [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) summarizes key concepts and questions that FEMA seeks tribal governments' input on to inform an update of the Agency's policy on tribal hazard mitigation planning. **Comments will be accepted until July 8, 2016.**

Calendar

International Disaster Risk Conference "Integrative Risk Management - towards resilient cities," August 28 - September 1, 2016 in Davos, Switzerland. The [abstract submission deadline has been extended](#).

Webinar - Applied Remote Sensing Training Program, [Fundamentals of Satellite Remote Sensing for Health Monitoring](#), Thursdays, June 2-30, 2016, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)

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